

8935. Misbranding of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills. U. S. * * * v. 9
Packages of * * * Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills. Default decree
of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 13431.
I. S. No. 8229-t. S. No. E-2540.)

On August 19, 1920, the United States attorney for the District of Maryland, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 9 packages of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills, shipped on or about April 22, 1920, and remaining in the original unbroken packages at Baltimore, Md., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y., and transported from the State of New York into the State of Maryland, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that the contents of the pills consisted essentially of aloes, ferrous carbonate, manganese, arsenic, and strychnine.

It was alleged in substance in the libel that the article was misbranded for the reason that the following statements regarding the curative and therapeutic effects thereof, (box) "Builds up the System Cures * * * Nervous Prostration * * * Nervous Headache * * * Female Trouble * * * Heart Failure Dizziness & Fainting Sleeplessness and General Weakness," (circular) "Hysteria, Hystero-epilepsy, Epilepsy, St. Vitus dance, Paralysis, Locomotor-Ataxia, Insanity * * * await * * * the chance to enter. The Cure Is alone found in Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills. A medicine rich in all the elements that go to make rich red blood and to supply the hungry nerves with proper nourishment, a medicine that supplies what is lacking the very essence of existence, the active principle of life—Nerve Force. * * * Sexual Wrecks * * * in Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills, the victim of excess finds a medicine that reaches the seat of trouble and cures * * * re-invigorates, by re-supplying the very essential of health, Nerve force. Once this health-giving force reaches the relaxed and debilitated organ in proper quantity, the organ begins to rebuild itself, and takes its place as capable as ever of carrying out its work. * * * Occasional Irregularity * * * Or * * * slight and fearfully painful menstruation * * * the absence of a healthy flow * * * a complete relaxation and loss of power upon the part of the uterine organs * * * It is in such cases as these * * * that * * * Nerve Pills show their sterling qualities * * * by re-supplying the element lacking. Nerve Force * * * Sterility * * * The * * * use of * * * Nerve Pills always results in an awakening and return of power to those organs * * * Girlhood to Womanhood * * * Nerve Pills * * * by their ability to supply a world of nerve force and physical energy, and to manufacture the richest quality of blood, makes the passage * * * easy and safe * * * Feeble Little Ones * * * due to * * * Diphtheria, Measles, Scarlet Fever, etc. * * * Nothing could reach * * * in a more rapid or happy manner than do * * * Nerve Pills, a preparation designed expressly to furnish to these weak and puny little ones all that is essential to their re-building and re-invigorating * * * a true tonic * * * results once obtained are doubly certain and lasting * * * This is the only medicine that cures by rebuilding, re-invigorating, and re-supplying what is lacking—good blood and nerve force," were false and fraudulent in that the article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed for it.

On September 29, 1920, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

E. D. BALL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*